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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Invasion of the Habitat-Snatchers: Understanding and Combating the Threat of Invasive Plants

Speaker: **Jake Sigg**

Wednesday, March 23, 2005, 7:30 pm

Auditorium, Orinda Public Library (directions below)

It is frequently said that invasive plants are second only to development as destroyers of biodiversity. Jake Sigg, an expert on the subject of invasive plants, thinks they may have surpassed development for the number one spot and will explain why in his slide-illustrated talk. He will also discuss some of the less-noticed aspects of invasion by plants exotic to the site, the potential role of controlling these invaders with biological agents, and why we should all be paying attention. Although biological pollution is a very worrisome problem, this talk will cover many hopeful developments that keep weed warriors motivated and charged up.

Jake Sigg is co-chair of the state CNPS Invasive Exotics Committee as well as conservation chair and past president of the CNPS Yerba Buena Chapter. He is retired from 32 years with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, where he worked as gardener

in Golden Gate Park and as gardener supervisor and *de facto* curator of collections in Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. He now works six days a week trying to save our natural heritage from the threat of aggressive weeds.

East Bay CNPS membership meetings are free of charge and open to everyone. This month's meeting will take place in the Auditorium of the Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda Way (in Orinda Village). The Auditorium is on the second floor of the building, accessible by stairs or an elevator. The Auditorium will open at 7:00 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. Please contact Sue Rosenthal, 510-496-6016 or rosacalifornica@earthlink.net, if you have any questions.

Directions to Orinda Public Library at 24 Orinda

Way: From the west, take Highway 24 to the Orinda/Moraga exit. At the end of the off ramp, turn left on Camino Pablo (toward Orinda Village), right on Santa Maria Way (the signal after the BART station and freeway entrance), and left on Orinda Way. From the east, take Hwy 24 to the Orinda exit. Follow the ramp to

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Orinda Village. Turn right on Santa Maria way (the first signal) and left on Orinda Way. Once on Orinda Way, go 1 short block to the parking lot on the southeast side of the new 2-story building on your right. There is additional free parking beneath the building as well as on the street. From BART (4 blocks): Exit the Orinda station, turn right and cross a pedestrian bridge, then cross a second pedestrian bridge on the left. Go 1 short block on the sidewalk to the third pedestrian bridge. Go 2 blocks on Orinda Way to the Orinda Library.

PLANT SALE ACTIVITIES

Our Board of Directors and plant sale volunteers have received notice from Merritt College what we must now share with our chapter members: the Landscape Horticulture Department needs our space and has asked us to remove our nursery by sometime this summer. There will be no October CNPS plant sale at Merritt College

Much deliberation is going into decisions regarding a new location for propagation and sales. A major source of funding for chapter programs will be interrupted by the move, and the move itself (to an as yet unknown site) will take a serious amount of work and expense.

Any input (of ideas) or assistance (with time and labor) from our chapter members and their friends will be gratefully received. Specific "job opportunities" will be posted here in the coming months.

Tuesday work sessions continue, although somewhat modified as we are not in full production mode. Current nursery stock is being carefully maintained; the remaining plants from the Fall sale plus a few added in are available for sale before noon on Tuesdays.



Tuesdays
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
9 am to noon
Merritt College
Landscape Horticulture
Parking fee: 50 cents

Shirley McPheeters 925-376-4095

Next month's program:

Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 pm (at the UC Berkeley Botanical Garden)

Gene Thomas—California's Wild Milkweeds

Sue Rosenthal

MANGINI RANCH

Save Mount Diablo's Newest Acquisition Project Needs Your Help

The Mangini Ranch is Save Mount Diablo's newest acquisition project. The Ranch's 207 acres are a site of rare plants and habitats. As part of the larger landscape, it is important for the long-term viability of Mount Diablo State Park and Lime Ridge Open Space and the associated biodiversity. Protection of the Ranch is critical in the long campaign to keep urban development from engulfing the borders of Mount Diablo State Park.

Mangini Ranch fills in most of the mile and a half gap between Lime Ridge Open Space and Mount Diablo State Park. The Ranch is oak woodland and grassland adjacent to Lime Ridge on one side, and chaparral toward the quarried slopes of Mount Zion on the other. The creek descends north through Crystal Ranch Open Space into Concord. Mangini Ranch rises south to the Ginochio Ranch, and nearly to Mount Diablo State Park.

Mangini Ranch is the location of the 1936 collection of Mount Diablo buckwheat by Mary Bowerman. Mount Diablo buckwheat is only known from a couple of locations and has not been observed in the wild for nearly 70 years. Mount Diablo buckwheat is yet to be relocated at the Mangini Ranch, but it is one of the most likely places it will be found, as the location information is relatively exact. The other known locality for this plant is vague, so it is unclear if it is on land protected from development.

The buckwheat is just one of the property's rare species. Other rare plants known from the Ranch are Hospital Canyon larkspur, Jepson's coyote thistle, and Jepson's woolly sunflower. It also includes one of the two northernmost stands of the rare plant community desert olive scrub. Mangini's diverse habitat—grassland, stream canyons, springs, oak woodland, chaparral, desert olive scrub, riparian woodland and oak savannah—supports a large number of plant and animal species. Its huge oaks are centuries old. Its

chaparral is potential habitat for the federally and state-listed Alameda whipsnake and the increasingly rare coast horned lizard.

Mangini will also add a new link in the Riding and Hiking Trail, which continues within Mt. Diablo State Park.

After two years of negotiations, the Mangini family agreed to sell the property to Save Mount Diablo, but there is limited time to raise the funds to protect this important area. Save Mount Diablo needs your support to raise the property's \$1.45 million price, and Save Mount Diablo will be leading preview hikes this spring, including one in collaboration with CNPS. Please send contributions to Save Mount Diablo, 1196 Boulevard Way, Suite 10, Walnut Creek CA 94595. Visit Save Mount Diablo's website for more information about this important project. www.savemountdiablo.org.

Sue Bainbridge

RAREST OF THE RARE

The Rarest of the Rare and Unusual Plants of the East Bay

A table has recently been compiled of the East Bay's A1-ranked plant species and is now available on the CNPS East Bay Chapter website (ebcnps.org) under Unusual Plants. These are the rarest of the rare and unusual plants of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and thus the most in need of protection and monitoring in our area.

The table consists of 1,387 site records for 460 plant species that are ranked as A1 by the East Bay Chapter because they occur in only two or fewer regions in the two-county area. Many of these plants are rare statewide (ranked *A1 on the table) and many are locally rare (A1), which the East Bay Chapter designate as "unusual". These are species that may be more common in other parts of the state but are rare, threatened, endangered, or at risk in the East Bay. Several of the species are only known historically from the East Bay (*A1x and A1x) and have not been reported for many years. A few species are of questionable identification (A1?) and may not actually occur here.

Habitats are provided for each species and also the most recent date the plant was seen at each location. In some cases this date may be as long ago as the 1800's or early 1900's, or it may be as recent as this year.

Anyone encountering these species in our two counties this year or with recent information on them here, es-

pecially those species that have not been reported here in the last ten years or more, is requested to fill out the Unusual Plant form provided on the website and send it with a map of where the plant was found to Dianne Lake, 1050 Bayview Farm Rd, #121, Pinole, CA 94564. Or, if a map or other data are not available, please at least notify Dianne by email at diannelake@yahoo.com with the location (as specific as possible, including GPS coordinates if available), date seen, and number of plants.

It is hoped that this table will prove helpful to land managers, planners and consultants, as well as conservationists, researchers, students, and CNPS field volunteers in their efforts to determine what species are the most vulnerable in the two counties and where to best focus their efforts for protection, management, and field monitoring. The table helps determine regions and locations with high numbers of rare and unusual plant species, or botanical "hot spots" where protection and management activities should be focused.

These A-ranked species are required for consideration under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines in Sections 15380 and 15125(a) of the Act and when these species occur in a project area any impact to them should be considered highly significant and require avoidance or very strong mitigation measures. Management and protection plans should be developed for these species and monitoring plans carried out by the agencies or managers of the lands on which they occur.

A2 ranked species are not currently included in the table because of the time involved in compiling such a location table but since these species are also required for consideration under CEQA (being locally significant because they occur in only three to five regions of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties) a list of these A2 ranked plants is provided on the website but consists only of species names and habitats.

In addition, the list of Presumed Extirpated plants (*A1x and A1) already on the website has been updated and habitats have been added. Two of the species on this list have been rediscovered here in the last year thanks to the diligent efforts of CNPS volunteers and others. *Heterodraba unilateralis* was found in the Corral Hollow area southeast of Livermore and *Meconella californica* was found in Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. More populations of presumed extirpated plants may be out there just waiting to be rediscovered in areas that have not been surveyed for a very long time. There is always hope that populations that were thought to be lost will be found if we just look hard enough.

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I would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who do such wonderful and extensive field work for CNPS and encourage everyone to visit the Unusual Plants section of the Chapter website and to look for the plants listed there when they are out hiking or working in the East Bay this year so that we can continue to monitor, protect and conserve the rarest of the rare in our area.

Dianne Lake, Unusual Plants Coordinator

SPRING FESTIVALS

Volunteers Needed for San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, March 16 to 20

Our chapter will host a booth March 16 to 20 at the Cow Palace. We need helpers for 2 hour shifts 9 am to 8 pm. No experience necessary. Volunteers get a free pass to visit the show (worth \$20). You can take BART and then a free shuttle bus. It couldn't be easier.

Not only is our chapter hosting a booth, but the state CNPS office is sponsoring an exhibit—a garden with native plants. We have invited other local chapters to help. So we will have a coordinated effort to show people what is wonderful about California native plants.

We will give a CNPS flower poster to new members who sign up at the show. Please contact Delia ASAP to volunteer. Bring a friend.

For information about the garden show, see www.gardenshow.com

Volunteers Needed for Spring Festivals

We have the materials, we just need someone to take them and be a positive presence for our group.

San Ramon—April 16

The City of San Ramon is holding an Earth Day event at Crow Canyon Gardens, Saturday, April 16 from 9 am-1 pm.

Crow Canyon Gardens is a 6-acre organic garden with a demonstration garden, compost demonstration area, community garden plots and a nature area that has Bollinger Creek flowing through it. The event will consist of a community volunteer cleanup from 9-11 and an environmental education display area from 11-1. There will be a composting demonstration at 11, and possibly an Integrated Pest Management discussion.

The Lindsey Wildlife Museum, EBMUD, and Toyota may be there to present their displays.

Castro Valley—April 30

Project Earth --10 am to 4 pm sponsored by the Castro Valley Sanitary District and Palomares Elementary School. A community clean up and 5 K Run/Walk. Booths will be at Palomares Elementary School.

Niles Main Street—May 15

12th Annual Wildflower and Art Festival--10 am to 4 pm

A tour of local gardens, garden talks and demos, sales of art and garden oriented items, performances by musicians, children's art contest, art demonstrations, food booths.

Berkeley and **Richmond** also sponsor festivals, usually on Earth Day, April 16.

For details on the events and to help, please contact Delia Taylor at 510-527-3912, deliataylor@mac.com.

Delia Taylor

FIELD TRIPS

Saturday March 19, 10:00 am, Toyon Canyon at Briones Regional Park

Gregg Weber leads this foray to a floristically rich area of Briones Regional Park. The canyon trail descends nearly 300 feet, with a 300 foot gain, but the rewards may include unusual plants in flower such as *Viburnum ellipticum*, *Eschscholzia caespitosa*, *Lomatium californicum*, *Helianthella castanea*, and *Eucrypta*, along with an abundance of more familiar plants such as coyote mint, *Wyethia*, clematis, dutchman's pipe, and osoberry. This trip will last about half a day, but extra time may be allowed for extra wildflower viewing.

Directions: From west of the bay hills, take 24 east, and then exit at Pleasant Hill Road. Go north on Pleasant Hill Road 0.5 mile and then turn left onto Reliez Valley Road. Go 4-5 miles on Reliez Valley Road to its end at the junction with Alhambra Valley Road. Ignore the entrance signs on Reliez Valley Road and continue straight on Alhambra Valley Road to the first left turn, which is Briones Road. Go 1.5 miles to the end of Briones Road and park on either side of the road. Meet Gregg at the end of Briones Road.

For the area from Pinole to Martinez, just proceed down Alhambra Valley Road and follow the directions to the end of Briones Road.

Sunday March 20, 2:00 pm, Bird Trail at Chabot Regional Park

David Margolies returns for early spring flowers to this short but botanically rich trail just off of Redwood Road at the north end of Chabot Regional Park.

This short (about 1/2 mile, with insignificant elevation gain) trail is a botanically interesting transition zone between redwood forest and mixed evergreen (mostly oak/bay) forest. At this date relatively early in the season, there will be osoberry, flowering currant, gooseberries, and lots of western leatherwood in bloom, along with early wildflowers such as *Trillium chloropetalum*.

The trail starts close to the MacDonald Staging Area in Chabot Regional Park off Redwood Road in Oakland.

To get there from the northern east bay, get on 13 South (go east on Ashby Avenue in Berkeley, for example) and take the Redwood Road exit. From Oakland, go east on 35th Avenue (which turns into Redwood Road). From the southern east bay, take 580 west to 13 north and exit at Redwood Road (immediately after the junction). From San Francisco, take the Bay Bridge, staying to the right (but do not go to San Jose). Take 580 East, and then 24 East (towards Walnut Creek). Take the 13 South exit from 24 and then take the Redwood Road exit.

Once on Redwood Road, go east (uphill). At the top of the hill you will cross Skyline Boulevard and pass various equestrian facilities. Go down into the valley. About two miles from Skyline Boulevard, turn right into the MacDonald Staging Area parking lot. (It is a large lot and you cross a bridge over a creek; there is a small lot about 1/4 mile to the north which is not the correct place; if coming from the north you reach the entrance to Redwood Regional Park on the left, you have gone about 1/4 mile too far.)

Walk takes place rain or shine.

Please contact David Margolies (510-654-0283, divaricatum@aol.com) if you need further information.

Saturday March 26, 9:00 am, Restoration tour of Strentzel sub-watershed

Igor and Shirley Skaredoff will co-lead this look at the changes the rains brought to this set of water-

shed restoration projects in the Martinez area. Meet Igor and Shirley at Strentzel Meadow, where invasive plants were removed last fall, for a walk up through the meadow and up the canyon. In the canyon, the trip will check on the restored area where the dam was removed, then come out at the top of the canyon and back by the north ridge to return through the meadow. A plant species list for the area may be available; ask at the start. If enough people are interested, the field trip will continue to see John Muir's gravesite and visit the confluence of the Strentzel waters with the main channel of Alhambra Creek.

Directions: from Walnut Creek and points west, take 680 north from the 24/680 junction to the Highway 4 interchange and proceed west on Highway 4. Keep going west on Highway 4 to Martinez and exit at Alhambra Avenue. From the Alhambra off-ramp, turn left (south) to Alhambra Avenue. At the traffic light on Alhambra Avenue, go right onto Alhambra Valley Road and continue past John Swett Elementary. Look for a gravel driveway to your right; there will also be a barn/garage building on the right. Strentzel Meadow is on Alhambra Valley Road between John Swett School and Wanda Way. Pull in on the right to park in the small gravel parking area. Be careful not to block the driveway.

An alternate route is 80 north to Highway 4, and take Highway 4 west to the Alhambra Avenue exit. At the off ramp, follow the directions above to Strentzel Meadow.

Sunday March 27, 10:00 am, Montara Mountain in San Mateo County

Enjoy wildflowers on Easter with Chris Thayer at Montara Mountain, starting from parking lot of San Pedro County Park. Many species of wildflowers from different plant communities grow on the mountain in unusual proximity, including fetid adder's tongue, mission bells, coast silk tassel, bleeding heart, and leatherwood. The abundance of coastal rains this year should result in an unusually rich display.

Directions: Starting from either San Francisco or San Jose, use Highway 280 to reach Highway 1 at Pacifica. Take Highway 1 south to the city of Pacifica and then turn east onto Linda Mar Boulevard. Follow Linda Mar Boulevard until it ends at Oddstad Boulevard. Turn right onto Oddstad Boulevard and proceed on Oddstad one block to the park entrance.

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April 2-3

We are attempting to obtain a permit from the East Bay Municipal Utility District for access to their property off Hampton Road for a field trip in early April. All interested in this trip are encouraged to contact Janet Gawthrop because we need to let EBMUD know the number of participants for the field trip. See the contacts page for Janet's e-mail address.

Janet Gawthrop

NATIVE HERE

Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, Native Here Nursery open 9-noon.

Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, nursery open 10-1

Native Here Nursery

The slender silver trunks of our buckeyes have been bare for months, but now, from the tips of their trunks and branches, bright green leaves are unfurling from reddish buds. Week by week the leaves spread open until they burst out into large, multi-fingered leaflets.

Other plants are coming out of their dormancy as well. Green buds are appearing on snowberries, thimbleberries, and pink-flowering currants. Dark red, pointed buds of baneberries are appearing in pots, looking like little missiles ready to launch.

If you want to add seasonal color to your garden, we're putting out flowers, including larkspurs, lupines, *Clarkia*, poppies, shooting star. We still have a lot of yarrow, which makes a great ground cover for sunny areas. The white flowers and soft, feathery leaves have a spicy fragrance as well. If you want to attract birds, we have gooseberries in 2- gallon pots.

Our bin of donated pots is growing. We have pots in orange, green, purple, and black colors and in all different sizes—take your pick. Great for school planting projects.

Volunteers are always welcome. No need to call ahead (except if it's raining or very windy). Show up either day we are open. We are located in Tilden Park at 101 Golf Course Drive (across the street from the entrance to the Tilden Golf Course).

Margot Cunningham, Native Here Nursery

CONSERVATION

Due to the production schedule of the Bay Leaf, conservation reporting is "old news" by the time you read it. Here are some of the things the chapter conservation committee (conscom) and East Bay Conservation Analyst (Jessica Olson) worked on in January and early February. The conscom met on January 12 for updates on projects and to look at new approaches to plant conservation. Two new members joined the committee. Karen Paulsell will keep track of planning in Oakland, especially regarding parks. Susan Lepore will look at issues in Pleasanton.

Several proposed projects are being planned that would impact the Richmond shoreline at Breuner Marsh, Point Molate and the Richmond Field Station. The committee welcomes participation from members living in Richmond. To become a member of the conscom, contact Charli Danielsen, charlid@pacbell.net, or Jessica Olson, jjolson@ebcnps.org. A goal of the committee is to have members in each of the municipalities in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties to track planning, and to review whether local ordinances could help save plant communities or rare plants within each jurisdiction.

Jessica has been busy, too. She took notes of the conservation committee meeting to distribute to the committee members. She is included along with staff members from Save Mount Diablo, East Bay Regional Parks, Sierra Club and Greenbelt Alliance in monthly meetings with local union members to collaborate on open space and development issues in the East Bay. Although there is not always agreement, when the unions and enviros can agree to support or oppose an issue, the combination is very strong politically. The East Oakley Specific Plan, Point Molate development, Zeneca and the Urban Limit Line are topics of concern. Participation in these meetings has also provided opportunities to work with the other environmental groups. Jessica has met with David Reed of the Greenbelt Alliance regarding our common concerns about Livermore/Springtown development, Urban Limit Line issues, and implications of streamlined permitting with the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservation Plan, among other subjects.

Jessica has been involved with the statewide CNPS conservation planning/visioning, she attended the first meeting on January 29. Her work with the East Bay Chapter is being augmented (at state CNPS expense) by including her in working on this process with Ilene Anderson (senior conservation staffer), Dave Chipping (CNPS Conservation Director), Carol Witham (CNPS President) and Pam Muick (CNPS Executive Director).

The next visioning meeting will be in Sacramento on March 12.

Other collaborative efforts with state and local CNPS are working with Bay Area Open Space Council on regional planning efforts, especially in achieving more detailed analysis of vegetation within planning areas; and commenting on the Vernal Pool Recovery Plan, a project Carol Witham is spearheading.

Jessica is working with volunteers to conduct a series of field trips focused on educating planning staff about some of the important botanical features of the East Bay that we are striving to protect.

Several committee members and Sue Bainbridge, our Vegetation chair, worked for months along with Jessica to submit comments in early January on the Wetland Regional Permitting Process, a part of the East Contra Costa Habitat Conservation Plan. The overall plan will be coming up for comment this spring.

Thanks to Laura Baker, who is monitoring planning in the East Bay Regional Park District, the chapter submitted comments opposing a proposed amendment to the Sibley Regional Preserve Land Use Development Plan. The amendment called for placing a group campsite on a filled quarry on land to be added to the preserve. Collaboration among committee members resulted in a well thought out letter.

By the time you read this, the Environmental Impact Report on expansion of the Carnegie State Recreational Vehicle Park should be available for comment. Members of the conscom will visit the site with state parks planners.

Many thanks to the San Francisco Foundation and to all the members of East Bay CNPS for your generous support in funding the East Bay Conservation Analyst position. As chair of the conscom, I am seeing how much more efficient we have become due to the consistency of attention provided by a staff person, even half time! Not only are we getting a lot of work out of Jessica, our volunteers are more enthusiastic and productive than ever.

Charli Danielsen, conscom chair

ACTIVITIES OF OTHERS

Saturday, April 16, 2005, 10 am to 3 pm, **Native Plant Sale** at the **Regional Parks Botanic Garden**, Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley, Wildcat Canyon Road & South Park Drive near the Brazil Building. Admission is free.

All proceeds benefit the Regional Parks Botanic Garden. Please bring cardboard boxes, if possible, to carry your

purchases, and an umbrella if it rains. Refreshments available. 510-841-8732, www.nativeplant.org.

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

The delightful collection of gardens on the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour range from Jenny and Scott Fleming's 50 year old landmark to several that are newly installed, from five-acre lots to small front gardens in the flats, from locally appropriate plants to the horticulturally available suite of natives from throughout California, and from gardens designed and installed by owners to those designed and installed by professionals. More than 50 showcase Alameda and Contra Costa County gardens will be open for viewing on this tour.

Gardens will be open from 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday, May 1, 2005. Admission is free; registration is required at www.BringingBackTheNatives.net before April 10, 2005 or until the tour reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Space is limited—register early to ensure a place. Volunteers, both native plant beginners and experts are needed. For more information, send an email to Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net or call 510-236-9558 between 9 am and 9 pm.

Sunday, March 13, 1:00-3:00, **Garden Soirée**

Garden Soirees are part of the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour. They offer host gardeners and volunteers the opportunity to tour gardens that they would otherwise miss. On Sunday, March 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 the garden of Jenny and Scott Fleming will be open. This magnificent garden was designed and built by Jenny and Scott in the 1950's. It has long commanded the admiration of native plant lovers both for its beauty and for its pioneering use of California native plants.

Directions 2750 Shasta Road, Berkeley. If coming from the south on I-80, take the Albany/Buchanan exit and head east, toward the hills. Turn left onto San Pablo Avenue and turn right onto Solano. If coming from the north, take the Albany exit, and turn left onto Cleveland Avenue. Continue .2 miles, then turn left onto Solano.

Once on Solano, continue about 1.7 miles, then turn right onto The Alameda and go 0.2 miles. Turn left onto Marin Avenue and go 0.2 miles. Continue partway around The Circle and turn right onto Marin Avenue and go 0.3 mile. Turn right onto Spruce Street and continue 0.1 mile. Turn left onto Santa Barbara Road and go 0.1 mile. Turn right onto Cragmont Avenue / Cragmont Boulevard and go 0.7 mile. Turn right onto Shasta Road and go 0.1 mile.

Parking: Do not park in the caned-off area next door.

Visit the backcountry of Henry W. Coe State Park

It's that time again! For one spectacular weekend this spring, Henry W. Coe State Park will again open the gate at Bell Station on Highway 152 east of Gilroy. The Coe Backcountry Weekend, held in the little traveled east side of the 90,000 acre park, is scheduled for April 23-24, 2005. This event, sponsored by the Pine Ridge Association and the Department of Parks and Recreation, allows visitors vehicle access to a remote and beautiful area. Hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians have a unique opportunity to see and enjoy an area isolated

from the park's Morgan Hill entrance by long distances and rugged terrain.

More information and applications is available on our website, www.coebackcountry.org, at park headquarters, and at the libraries in Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and Modesto. Written requests for applications (include a self-addressed stamped business envelope) should be sent to Application Forms, Coe Backcountry Weekend, 1410 Terri Lynn Court, Gilroy, CA 95020. If you have any questions, please email to coebackcountry@hotmail.com, or call 408-847-1193, or 650-324-1455.



Berberis pinnata (California barberry) at Native Here nursery Photo by Janice Bray

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